

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004. Claims 41-45 and 47 have been canceled. Thus, claims 8-18, 25-40, 46 and 48-52 are now pending.

With respect to the formality objection set forth in paragraphs 1-2 of the Office Action, claims 42-45 have been canceled. Thus, any potential issue in this regard has been rendered moot.

Claim 8 stands rejected as being allegedly anticipated by Ohtani. This Section 102 rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Ohtani in Fig. 1 discloses an LCD including ITO pixel electrode 108, ITO auxiliary capacitance electrode 104, and capacitance insulator 105. Ohtani at col. 4, line 67 teaches that the thickness (d) of the capacitance insulator 105 should be defined by the following equation:  $d = \lambda / (4 \times n)$ .

In contrast, claim 8 requires that the thickness (d) of the supplementary capacitance insulating film be:  $d = \lambda / (2 \times n) \times m$ . Ohtani fails to disclose or suggest this. Ohtani's aforesaid equation is not equal to that required by claim 8. For example, consider a scenario where  $n=2$ . When  $n=2$ , the equation of claim 8 would be:  $d = \lambda / 4 \times m$ . However, given the same exact scenario where  $n=2$ , the equation of Ohtani would be:  $d = \lambda / 8$ . It can be seen that the result from Ohtani's equation is much different than the result of the equation required by claim 8. In particular, the equation required by claim 8 permits unexpected improved results as explained in the instant specification. Ohtani is entirely unrelated to the invention of claim 8 in this regard.

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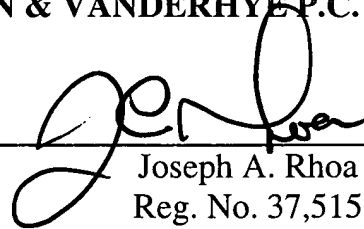
Claims 15, 33, 46 and 49 define over the cited art in a similar manner.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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